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**Reduction in Interdepartmental Committees**

**Colonel Earl McFarland, Chairman  
Guided Missile and Astronautics  
Intelligence Committee  
AFCEH**

1. OSD is in receipt of the attached letter from The White House, dated 11 February 1961, requesting recommendations as to the possible termination, merger or continuance of committee and subcommittees having DOD membership.
2. The Air Force has been requested to review the justification for the committees and subcommittees that the Air Force currently "chairs." Committee and subcommittee chairmen are being requested to obtain the views of other members of the committees.
3. Specifically, the questions which must be answered are:
  - a. Why can't the committee or subcommittee be abolished?
  - b. If the subcommittee cannot be abolished, why is it necessary to continue it?
  - c. If this subcommittee is to be continued, do we need Department of Defense representation on it?
4. This letter will confirm telephone conversation between you and Mr. McLean of my office on 17 February 1961 in which this data was requested.

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5. Request reply be forwarded with necessary information to reach this office not later than 1630 hours on 23 February 1961.

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